

New Paltz student's death ruled murder-suicide

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Investigators conclude that a SUNY **New Paltz** student was the victim of a **murder-suicide** by a fellow student after she rejected his romantic advances.

Police have closed the investigation of the **death** of Alicia Louise Lewis, 29, who was found stabbed to **death** in an East Fishkill home on Dec. 17. Lewis was an education major at the State University of **New** York at **New Paltz**.

Fellow student Damian Palyo, 32, became a person of interest in the case. When investigators went to his home in Bloomingburg the next day, they learned he had committed suicide.

Police say they found evidence including clothing and an eight- to ten-inch blade with Lewis' blood on it at Palyo's home. Palyo was married and had children.

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